

REMARKS

The Office Action maintains that the application contains claims directed to two patentably distinct species:

Species (i), represented by Figure 3; and

Species (ii), represented by Figure 4.

In response, Applicant reaffirms the election made in Applicant's Supplemental Response dated February 4, 2009, and elects to pursue Species (i), represented by Figure 3. Pending claims 24-28, 30-41, 52, 54-57, and 61 are directed to Species (i).

Should the Examiner's search fail to uncover prior art applicable to the elected Species (i), Applicant assumes that the Examiner will expand the scope of his search to cover the non-elected Species (ii).

CONCLUSION

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided. No fees are believed due; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 11-0855.

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